

Proposed Rule
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DIGEST

Amends [312 IAC 5-7-1](#) to identify speed zones with signage at the coordinates, rather than just onsite buoys, and to remove references to navigable waterways. Adds [312 IAC 5-7-16](#) concerning an idle speed zone on the St. Mary's River. Adds [312 IAC 5-7-17](#) concerning an idle speed zone on the St. Joseph River. Adds [312 IAC 5-7-18](#) concerning an idle speed zone on the Maumee River. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

[IC 4-22-2.1-5 Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses](#)

[312 IAC 5-7-1](#); [312 IAC 5-7-16](#); [312 IAC 5-7-17](#); [312 IAC 5-7-18](#)

SECTION 1. [312 IAC 5-7-1](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Rule 7. Specified Public Waters Other Than Lake Michigan; Restrictions

[312 IAC 5-7-1 Boating restrictions on specified public waters other than Lake Michigan; applicability](#)

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-11-2-1](#); [IC 14-15-7-3](#); [IC 14-29-1-8](#)

Affected: [IC 14](#); [IC 32-19-1-1](#)

Sec. 1. (a) This rule establishes boating zones on specified **navigable waterways public waters**, other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties, to govern the operation of boats for any of the following purposes:

- (1) Addressing unusual conditions or hazards.
- (2) Fish, wildlife, or botanical resource management.
- (3) The protection of users.

(b) This rule may modify or supplement [312 IAC 6](#).

(c) In order to be effective, a zone established under this rule must be identified **with signage at the coordinates or onsite by buoys placed under [312 IAC 5-4](#)**.

(d) The coordinates used in this rule have the meaning set forth in [IC 32-19-1-1](#), [312 IAC 1-1-27.5](#), and [312 IAC 1-1-29.3](#) and referenced as "SPC" and "UTM".

(Natural Resources Commission; [312 IAC 5-7-1](#); filed Mar 23, 2001, 2:50 p.m.: 24 IR 2375, eff Jan 1, 2002; readopted filed May 29, 2008, 1:53 p.m.: [20080625-IR-312080057RFA](#); errata filed Jun 2, 2009, 10:29 a.m.: [20090624-IR-312090386ACA](#); readopted filed Jul 17, 2014, 3:46 p.m.: [20140813-IR-312140067RFA](#); readopted filed Sep 16, 2020, 8:15 a.m.: [20201014-IR-312200355RFA](#))

SECTION 2. [312 IAC 5-7-16](#) IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

[312 IAC 5-7-16 St. Mary's River in Allen County; boating speed zone](#)

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-11-2-1](#); [IC 14-15-7-3](#)

Affected: [IC 14](#)

Sec. 16. (a) This section establishes a special boating zone on the St. Mary's River.

(b) A person must not operate a boat in excess of idle speed within a zone that lies between the Main Street Bridge to the confluence of the St. Mary's River, St. Joseph River, and Maumee River:

- (1) beginning at the Main Street Bridge (16 T 655040 UTM 4549114); and
- (2) continuing downstream to the confluence (16 T 656887 UTM 4549687).

(Natural Resources Commission; [312 IAC 5-7-16](#))

SECTION 3. [312 IAC 5-7-17](#) IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 5-7-17 St. Joseph River in Allen County; boating speed zone

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-11-2-1](#); [IC 14-15-7-3](#); [IC 14-29-1-8](#)

Affected: [IC 14](#)

Sec. 17. A person must not operate a boat in excess of idle speed within a zone that lies between the Tennessee Avenue Bridge to the confluence of the St. Mary's River, St. Joseph River, and Maumee River:
(1) beginning at the Tennessee Avenue Bridge (16 T 657134 UTM 4550355); and
(2) continuing downstream to the confluence (16 T 656887 UTM 4549687).

(Natural Resources Commission; [312 IAC 5-7-17](#))

SECTION 4. [312 IAC 5-7-18](#) IS ADDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 5-7-18 Maumee River in Allen County; boating speed zone

Authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-11-2-1](#); [IC 14-15-7-3](#)

Affected: [IC 14](#)

Sec. 18. (a) This section establishes a special boating zone on the Maumee River.

(b) A person must not operate a boat in excess of idle speed within a zone that lies between the Columbia Avenue Bridge to the confluence of the St. Mary's River, St. Joseph River, and Maumee River:
(1) beginning at the Columbia Avenue Bridge (16 T 656902 UTM 45495760); and
(2) continuing upstream to the confluence (16 T 656887 UTM 4549687).

(Natural Resources Commission; [312 IAC 5-7-18](#))

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